(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी मुख्य विशेषताएं क्या हैं और सरकार की इस बारे में क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ;

(ग) क्या दूरसंचार विशेषज्ञों ने यह बताया है कि दूरसंचार के किन-किन प्रमुख क्षेत्रों में दूरसंचार सेवाओं का उदारीकरण किया जाये ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ?

संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुखराम) : (क) से (घ) दूर संचार सेवा उदारीकरण विश्व व्यापी सतत प्रक्रिया है और इस मामले में कई विशेषज्ञों ने अपने विचार व्यक्त किए हैं । तथापि, भारत में दूरसंचार सेवाओं में उदारीकरण 13 मई, 1994 को संसद में रखी गई राष्ट्रीय दूरसंचार नीति का परिणाम है ।

Guidelines for bidders of basic and cellular telephone services

12. DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA:
SHRI MD. SALIM:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Governments decision regarding guidelines for bidders of basic and cellular telephone services goes against Indian firms; and

(b) if so, whether Government have any plan for reviewing the guidelines to make Indian firms competitive?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No Sir.

(b) Question does not arise in view of above.

Pilot projects for telecom network

13. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved pilot projects for telecommunication network, particularly those of foreign countries;

(b) whether Government have received applications for similar projects from Indian telecommunication companies;

(c) whether Government are likely to lose control on telecommunication services in sanctioning the projects of foreign companies; and

(d) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Government has issued Letter of Intent for a Pilot project by an Indian company which is a joint venture between a foreign company and an Indian company.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) National interests will be taken care of if sanctions are issued for such projects.

Complaints against disconnection of telephones in Calcutta

14. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Calcutta Telephones have been resorting to illegal and irregular disconnection of subscribers' telephones due to lapses in its Accounts department;

(b) whether the Calcutta Telephones have received a number of complaints against such irregular disconnections from the subscribers in the past one year;

(c) whether any efforts have been made to redress the grievances of the affected subscribers; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (d) The